

Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in SC-4 of the Capitol.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Michael Gauthier, who is a National Park Service fellow working on the staff of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources this year, be granted the privilege of the floor for today and for the remainder of the Senate's consideration of H.R. 146.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOINT REFERRAL

NOMINATION OF THOMAS L. STRICKLAND

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, as if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland to be Assistant Secretary of Fish and Wildlife, sent to the Senate by the President on March 12, 2009, be jointly referred to the Committees on Environment and Public Works and Energy and Natural Resources.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the second half; further, that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 146, the legislative vehicle for the lands package; and, finally, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will resume postcloture debate on the motion to proceed to the legislative vehicle for the lands package.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:27 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GARY LOCKE, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY W. KIENITZ, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR POLICY, VICE JEFFREY SHANE, RESIGNED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGINA MCCARTHY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE JEFFREY R. HOLMSTEAD, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

KIM N. WALLACE, OF TEXAS, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE KEVIN I. FROMER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEMETRIOS J. MARANTIS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE PETER F. ALLGEIER, RESIGNED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

R. GIL KERLIKOWSKIE, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, VICE JOHN P. WALTERS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

LADDA TAMMY DUCKWORTH, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (PUBLIC AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS), VICE LISETTE M. MONDELLO, RESIGNED.